MCI authorised Medical Colleges

1919. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medical colleges in the country which have been recognised by the Medical Council of India presently;

(b) the number of seats in all the colleges combined;

(c) whether there are plans to expand medical education in the country;

(d) if so, whether Government would give any fund for colleges which can be set up in backward areas; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKALAKSHMI): (a) Out of total 229 medical colleges functioning in the country, 166 medical colleges are recognized.

(b) Total 25592 seats are available in all the medical colleges.

(c) Central Government has no such plan. However, the Medical Council of India with the approval of Government of India, has brought out a scheme in the form of Regulations for opening of new medical college, increase in seats in existing courses and starting of new or higher course of study. Any person eligible under the Regulations and fulfilling the requirements laid thereunder may apply under this scheme for obtaining permission of the Central Government. Similar scheme also exists in respect of dental education.

(d) and (e) The Central Government has no scheme under which funds could be provided for setting up new medical college.

Presence of Argemone Maxicina in Edible Oils

†1920. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the presence of Argemone Maxicina in edible oils has been confirmed in some regions of Uttar Pradesh and Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of regions affected by it;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.